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**FAX RECEIVED****MAY 16 2001****PETITIONS OFFICE****PETITION FOR JOINDER OF INVENTORS  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)**

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Sir:

Applicants Mark A. Bakke and Timothy J. Kuik petition to join in the above-captioned patent application. Signed declarations satisfying 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 accompany this petition. All named inventors have thus signed declarations for this application, rendering moot the Petition for Filing When a Joint Inventor Refuses to Sign filed March 28, 2001.

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